

This is an amendment to 15.2.5 NMAC, Sections 10 and 11, effective February 25, 2020.

15.2.5.10 WEIGHTS:

A. Allowances:

(1) Weight allowance including apprentice allowances must be claimed at time of entry and shall not be waived after the posting of entries, except by consent of the stewards.

(2) A horse shall start with only the allowance of weight to which it is entitled at time of starting, regardless of its allowance at time of entry.

(3) Horses not entitled to the first weight allowance in a race shall not be entitled to any subsequent allowance specified in the conditions.

(4) Claim of weight allowance to which a horse is not entitled shall not disqualify it unless protest is made in writing and lodged with the stewards at least one hour before post time for that race.

(5) A horse shall not be given a weight allowance for failure to finish second or back in any race.

(6) No horse shall receive allowance of weight nor be relieved extra weight for having been beaten in one or more races, but this rule shall not prohibit maiden allowances or allowances to horses that have not won a race within a specified period or a race of a specified value.

(7) Except in handicap, quarter horse races and races which expressly provide otherwise, two-year-old fillies shall be allowed three pounds, and fillies and mares, three-years-old and upward, shall be allowed five pounds before September 1 and three pounds thereafter in races where competing against male horses.

(8) A three pound weight allowance shall be allowed a registered New Mexico bred horse in all open races and in stakes races when included in the condition of the race. This allowance must be claimed at time of entry.

B. Penalties:

(1) Weight penalties are obligatory.

(2) Horses incurring weight penalties for a race shall not be entitled to any weight allowance for that race.

(3) No horse shall incur a weight penalty or be barred from any race for having been placed second or lower in any race.

(4) Penalties incurred and allowances due in steeplechase or hurdle races shall not apply to races on the flat, and vice versa.

(5) The reports, records and statistics as published by Daily Racing Form, Equibase or other recognized publications shall be considered official in determining eligibility, allowances and penalties, but may be corrected.

(6) When a race ~~is~~ in dispute involves the winner of the race, both the horse that finished first and any horse claiming the ~~[race,] win~~ shall be liable to all penalties attaching to the winner of that race, until the matter is decided. In case of a positive test of the winner of a race, no horse other than the winner shall be liable to penalty of weight or condition until the case has been adjudicated; the ruling disqualifying the horse with the positive test issued; and all appeals exhausted.

C. Weight conversions: For the purpose of determining weight assignments and allowances for imported horses, the following weight conversions shall be used:

(1) one kilogram equals two and one-fourth pounds, and

(2) one stone equals 14 pounds.

D. Scale of Weights:

(1) With the exception of apprentice allowances, handicaps, three years old horses entered to run in races against horses four year olds and upwards, and the allowance provided in Paragraph (2) of this subsection, no jockey shall be assigned a weight of less than 118 pounds. For three years old horses entered to run in races against horses four year olds and upwards from January 1 through August 31, no jockey shall be assigned a weight of less than 116 pounds.

(2) Except in handicaps, fillies two years old shall be allowed three pounds, and fillies and mares three years old and upward shall be allowed five pounds before September 1, and three pounds thereafter in races where competing against horses of the opposite sex.

(3) Quarter horses, minimum scale weights shall be 124 pounds for two years old, 126 pounds for three years old and 128 pounds for four year olds and older with the exception of handicap races.

(4) A notice shall be included in the daily program that all jockeys will carry approximately three pounds more than the published weight to account for safety equipment (vest and helmet) that is not included in required weighing out procedures. Additionally, upon stewards' approval, jockeys may weigh in with an additional three pounds for inclement weather gear.

E. Distance conversions: For the purpose of determining eligibility, weight assignments and allowances for imported horses, the racing secretary shall convert metric distances to English measures by reference to the following scale:

Comparative table of distances

200 Meters	Equals	1 Furlong
1,000 Meters	Equals	5 Furlongs
1,200 Meters	Equals	6 Furlongs
1,400 Meters	Equals	7 Furlongs
1,600 meters	Equals	1 Mile
1,700 Meters	Equals	1 1/16 Miles
1,800 Meters	Equals	1 1/8 Miles
2,000 Meters	Equals	1 ¼ Miles
2,200 Meters	Equals	1 3/8 Miles
2,400 Meters	Equals	1 ½ Miles
2,600 Meters	Equals	1 5/8 Miles
3,000 Meters	Equals	1 7/8 Miles
3,200 Meters	Equals	2 Miles
3,600 Meters	Equals	2 ¼ Miles
4,800 Meters	Equals	3 Miles

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15.2.5.11 WORKOUTS:

A. Requirements:

(1) A non-starter must have had within 60 days prior to time of entry [~~one approved official schooling race or~~] at least two workouts recorded at a pari mutuel or commission recognized facility and posted with the racing secretary prior to time of entry, one of the two workouts shall be from the starting gate, and be gate approved. It shall be the trainer's responsibility to establish validity as to workouts and gate approvals.

(2) [~~Any horse which has started, but not within six months, must have one official workout from the starting gate or must have proof of standing the horse at least one time within a 60 day period.~~] Any horse which has started, but not within 60 days, must have at least one workout within 60 days prior to time of entry. Horses that have not started within six months of entry must have at least two approved workouts within the 60 days prior to time of entry. Any horse which has started, but not within 60 days, must have at least one workout within 60 days prior to time of entry. Horses that have not started within six months of entry must have at least two approved workouts within the 60 days.

(3) Horses that have never raced around the turn will be required to have within 30 days prior to time of entry, at least one workout at 660 yards or farther.

(4) Gate approvals at a licensed facility must be made by a licensed starter on a commission approved form.

B. Identification:

(1) Each horse must be properly identified prior to its participation in an official timed workout.

(2) The trainer or exercise rider shall bring each horse scheduled for an official workout to be identified by the clocker or clocker's assistant immediately prior to the workout.

(3) A horse may be properly identified by its lip tattoo or its digital tattoo immediately prior to participating in an official timed workout. A horse may also be properly identified by other approved methods of positive identification as described in Subsection F of 15.2.3.8 NMAC.

(4) The owner, trainer or rider shall be required to identify the distance the horse is to be worked and the point on the track where the workout will start.

C. Information dissemination: Information regarding a horse's approved timed workout(s) shall be furnished to the public prior to the start of the race for which the horse has been entered.

D. Restrictions: A horse shall not be taken onto the track for training or a workout except during hours designated by the association.

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